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SUBJECT: PLO STRATEGY FOR RECONCILIATION TALKS

1. PRIOR TO FEB 23 CONCLUSION OF OPENING ROUND OF PLO-
JORDANIAN RECONCILIATION TALKS REGULAR AND RELIABLE SOURCE
TOLD EMBOFF THAT BASED ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH KHALID
FAHUM HE EXPECTED PLO DELEGATION HEADED BY FAHUM INITIALLY
TO USE TALKS TO EXPLORE JORDANIAN ATTITUDES RATHER THAN
PROPOSE ANY SPECIFIC AGENDA. AS REFLECTED IN HIS PUBLIC
STATEMENTS FAHUM MAINTAINS HIS LONG-HELD BELIEF THAT SOME
FORM OF CONFEDERATION AMONG JORDAN, SYRIA, EGYPT AND THE
PLO OFFERS BEST CHANCE OF RESOLVING THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.
IN THIS, SOURCE SPECUALTED, HE COULD COUNT ON SUPPORT OF
OF SAIQA REP ON DELEGATION, SAMI AL-ATTARI.

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2. PERHAPS NEW TWIST TO PLO STRATEGY ACCORDING TO FAHUM
IS FOR DELEGATION TO LOOK INTO WAYS OF INSURING WELFARE
OF PALESTINIANS SO THAT THEIR STATUS NOT HARMED BY ANY
ARRANGEMENTS INTO WHICH PLO AND JORDAN CHOOSE TO ENTER.
PLO, HE SAID, HAS NO INTENTION OF ACCEPTING PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED
UNITED ARAB KINGDOM SCHEME.

3. FAHUM, WHO STRONG BACKER PLO PARTICATION IN PEACE
PROCESS, TOLD SOURCE PLO RECOGNIZES THAT ARAB STATES DO
NOT WISH ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH-
OUT PLO.

4. COMMENT: CONVERSATION BETWEEN SOURCE AND FAHUM
OCCURRED JUST BEFORE WP STORY BROKE ABOUT ALLEGED USG
PAYMENTS TO KING, WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT EFFECT IT MAY HAVE HAD
ON STRATEGY.
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